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Director,
Intelligence Community Staff
1724 F Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Al:

As you are probably aware, INR falls far behind the power curve when it comes to automation. We are determined to take whatever steps are necessary to catch up with the rest of the Community, particularly in word processing capability, and to develop a five year plan to provide the latest automation capabilities to the Bureau. At the same time, we do not want to be reinventing the wheel, but rather to be using as much as possible of what has already been developed by other members of the Intelligence Community. We do not have an in-house expertise familiar with the various systems in use throughout the Community.

Some members of my staff have been to CIA and have seen their SAFE system, as well as a couple of others. They are enthusiastic, but are not familiar with what else might be in use within he Community, what is under development and what we in INR might have access to.

What I would like, if possible, is the assistance of the Information Handling Staff in studying the work of INR, determining what it needs to bring it in line with the other members of the Community, and in assisting in the preparation of a five year plan with specific information concerning available software, hardware needs and cost data. Would it be possible for you to provide us with such assistance?

Armed with this information, we would then approach our budget shop and work with them to provide necessary funding.

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We'll be most grateful for any help you can give us in this very important area

Sincerely,

Hugh Montgomery

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